

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-10 are requested to be cancelled. New claim 11 is being added. Support for new claim 11 can be found at least in FIG. 5 of the present application, and the corresponding text of the specification.

This amendment adds and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claim 11 is now pending in this application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4 and 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,040,792 to Watson et al. (hereafter “Watson”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,752,049 to Lee (hereafter “Lee”). Claims 5-6 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watson and Lee, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,450,605 to Walmsley et al. (hereafter “Walmsley”). Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watson and Lee, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,504,929 to Blair (hereafter “Blair”). These rejections are moot in light of the cancellation of claims 1-10.

New claim 11

New claim 11 is presented and believed to be patentable over the applied art. New claim 11 recites, among other features:

when the personal computer detects that the printer is set to the power saving mode from at least one of PError, nAck, Busy, nFault and Select which are responses to GET_PORT STATUS, requesting, from

the interface apparatus, restoration to a standby state from wait information in the power saving mode by means of a SOFT_RESET command;

when the interface apparatus detects the SOFT_RESET command, generating an nInit pulse and supplying it to the printer; and

switching the printer from the power saving mode to a normal mode by the nInit pulse, and transmitting a print command and image information for printing to the printer in the personal computer as an operation of the printer driver.

Claim 11 is patentable at least because the applied art fails to suggest this combination of features of claim 11 in the context of that claim.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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